

**MBYCA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Volunteer Yacht Club**

*The November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, general meeting of the Massachusetts Boating and Yacht Clubs Association, Inc. was held at Volunteer Yacht Club, 68 Lynnway, Lynn, MA 01902. Commodore Todd Bloodgood welcomed us and invited our members to visit anytime by boat during the summer and after the meeting to join his members in their club lounge for a beverage. He wished us a good meeting and looked forward to hosting MBYCA on a regular basis each year.*

***A MOMENT OF SILENCE: was made for MBYCA Past Commodore Aidan Gerard “Jerry” Maguire, commodore in 1980. He was 82.. Jerry was also the Past Commodore of Quincy Yacht Club, Treasurer of Wheeler’s Point Yacht Club in Gloucester, and involved in the Quincy Bay Race Week.***

***SECRETARY’S REPORT: P.C. Cheryl Chisholm listed the following information included in this month’s packet:***

- *C.R.A.B River Activity the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022*
- *NOAA Fisheries Final 2023 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications*
- *CLF and Charles River Watershed Association sue EPA for failure to fully protect Boston rivers.*
- *MBYCA Minutes of the October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, general meeting held at Orient Heights Yacht Club*
- *POB Meeting of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022*
- *NOAA Fisheries North Atlantic Right Whale Unusual Mortality Event*

*A motion was made to accept the Secretary’s report. It was seconded and passed.*

***TREASURER’S REPORT: P. C. Ted Chisholm reported the following:***

- *A balance of \$6,914.63 with all bills paid for 2022.*

***A MOTION TO SUSPEND THE MEETING FOR THE 2023 INSTALLATION OF MBYCA OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.....it was seconded and passed.***

*Delegate Brian McMahon, from Jubilee Yacht Club presided in the swearing in of the officers.*

*The officers for 2023 are as follows:*

*Commodore Neal Caten, P.C.*

*Interim Vice Commodore Carolyn Bargoot, P.C.*

*Rear Commodore Philip Greenstein*

*Secretary P.C. Cheryl Chisholm*

*Treasurer P.C. Ted Chisholm*

*Directors:*

*P.C. Carolyn Bargoot*

*P.C. Peter Caten*

*P.C. Peter Gilson*

*P.C. Russell Hoy*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PORT OPERATOR'S GROUP:** P.C. Peter Gilson reported on the following:

### **USCG:**

- The Beldon Bly Bridge work will continue from 6 am to 7 pm through January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with a 100-yard safety zone. The channel will be closed for the laying of cables between January 16<sup>th</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. *(Check the local Notice to Mariners for any updates since the next POG meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.)*
- The Coast Guard continues reviewing the Long Island bridge replacement proposal from the City of Boston and expects to release a preliminary opinion by the end of the year. At that time there will be a 30-day response period to submit comments to the Coast Guard. If you have already submitted comments over the past two years, you do not have to resubmit them, **"BUT"** are welcome to do so. *(to update your previous submissions)*
- Results of the Port Access Study (approaches to Boston) will be released in the next few weeks.
- The Merrimac River dredging activity will continue through December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.
- The Coast Guard will be conducting a Port and Waterway Safety Assessment (PAWSA) on January 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Fifteen pairs of participants have been established representing various maritime interests and observers are encouraged to attend. *(P.C. Peter Gilson will keep us informed.)* The MBHSC was established as a result. The first Boston area PAWSA was held some 10 years ago.
- A tabletop Preparedness Plan will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. A preliminary one day meeting was held two weeks ago at Northeastern University's Innovation Campus in Burlington with

*good results. The test case involves the theoretical grounding of a post PANAMAX ship losing power and steerage in the main channel by Deer Island and running aground on Long Island at 1:00 pm at high tide with 22 knot NNW winds. Six containers fall off the ship and are floating around along with some HAZMAT material. Clearly the response plan for such an occurrence is complex and requires extensive coordination between many agencies and the public. Should this happen, it could shut the harbor down for a substantial amount of time.*

**MASSPORT:**

- *19 container ships have arrived to date this year.*
- *The cruise season is ending and saw 300,000 passengers transit the port.*

**MBHSC:**

- *The Coast Guard evaluation of the proposed Long Island bridge replacement continues*
- *A review and update of the committee's charter is underway.*
- *Harlon Doliner of the USCG-AUX will head a study of autonomous vessels.*
- *There is a serious concern about E-Foil vehicles around the harbor. These are boards with a fin underneath, which supports a battery powered propeller driving the rider at speeds well over 20 knots! They have been seen operating near Long Wharf, etc. where ferries operate and also in the mooring area off the Dorchester Bay yacht clubs. **The Coast Guard has received reports of concern about their operation and states that they are regulated as small vessels and must have PFD's, lighting, horn etc. and be registered as "other".***

**RIGHT WHALE:**

- *The season has ended.*

**NOAA:**

- *It is important to update your electronic chart equipment on a regular basis.*

**ACOE:**

- *Several residual “high Spots” in the harbor deepening project have been identified in the range of 46 and 45.1 feet. Possible corrective actions are under discussion.*

**PILOTS:**

- *October has a total of 107 arrivals, which is up 61 from 2021.*
- *There have been 45 passenger ships, which is up 44 from 2021.*
- *Overall ship activity is up 21.3%*

*Delegate Frank Hart, from South Shore and Squantum yacht clubs, asked about the integrity of the existing footings of the Long Island bridge.*

*Peter Gilson’s response: Speaking as an individual and not representing the Harbor Safety Committee, a preliminary exercise was done at the completion of the deconstruction on the original bridge back in 2015. There was a survey done to look at the piers. Those piers were built circa 1950. The assumption in the baseline design is to use the existing piers. If that was to change, there would be multiple studies required which would take many, many years to complete.*

**LEGISLATION:** *P.C. Ted Chisholm stated that there has been no action from the 17 DCR clubs with regards to the signing of any lease.*

**YEARBOOK:** *P.C. Cheryl Chisholm stated the following:*

- *The 2023 Yearbook packets will be available at our January 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting held at Mystic Wellington Yacht Club.*
- *The November outstanding yearbook balance is \$2,426.00., which included 5 clubs only owing.*
- *The October outstanding balance was \$6,323.00.*

**SAFE BOATING:** P.C. Peter Caten spoke on the following items:

- Offshore wind power plants have been developing.
- Boating Education Bill – David Hanson Bill – still pending after 20 years in the committees
- Nothing so far on the disposal of outdated for fire extinguishers.
- USCG – “Suddenly in Command” classes

**ATTENDANCE OF CLUBS AND DELEGATES:** Social Chair Carol Gilson reported the following:

**15 clubs, 27 delegates and 1 alternate were in attendance.**

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Commodore Neal Caten announced that P.C. Paul Dubiel will be stepping down. He and the board would like to thank Paul and his wife Carla for many years of dedicated service to MBYCA and we all wish them well in their new endeavors.
- **NEXT GENERAL MEETING:**  
**January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Mystic Wellington Yacht Club**
- 2023 Audit Committee will be selected

**50/50:** was won by P.C. Cheryl Chisholm

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made at 9:40 pm.

It was seconded and passed.

**MBYCA Officers and Board would like to wish all our members a happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to another great boating season in 2023.**

Respectfully submitted by,

P.C. Cheryl Pote Chisholm

